

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the allowable subject matter of Claims 3-7. The Examiner has objected to Claims 3-7 as being dependent on rejected claims. Applicant notes that each of the independent claims have been amended to at least substantially include the subject matter of former dependent Claim 3.

Thus, all of the independent claims are deemed allowable. Moreover, the remaining dependent claims are further deemed allowable, in view of their dependence on such independent claims.

In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 505-5100. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1351 (Order No. RMI1P013).

Respectfully submitted,
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